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TAX Reform is demanded.

DEMOCRACY is a tax. We need tax

reform.

The political straws are all drifting

the Republican way.

The Shanklin boom did not get much

of a boom in Evansville.

WHAT the people of Indiana need is

not tariff reform, but tax reform.

THE Evansville Journal of yesterday

was resplendent with eagles and badges

of victory.

If Evansville were on the south side

of the Ohio river the election might

have gone differently.

DEMOCRATS who read the election re-

turns yesterday were afterward heard

to complain of "that tired feeling."

WHEN the Rhode Island Democrats

telegraphed David Bennett Hill, at the

last hour, to come to their aid, he was

otherwise engaged. David B. is not in-

flating the Cleveland boom.

It is not the payment of customs

duties on foreign imports that is hurt-

ing the people of Indiana. It is the

payment of double taxes under a Demo-

cratic tax law. They are demanding

tax reform.

The number of persons in Indiana

who feel the bad effects of the Demo-

cratic tax law is as ten thousand to one

compared with the number of those

who feel any bad effects from the Mc-

Kinley bill. We need tax reform, not

tax reform.

"Ohio cities go Republican with sick-

ening unanimity," says a Sentinel head-

line of yesterday. The Cleveland or-

gan should not collapse at the very start.

The returns are likely to make it a good

deal sicker by the time they are all in

next November.

THE Little State of Rhode Island votes

to-day. If the Republicans do more

than elect a majority of the Legislature

it will be a great Republican triumph.

A year ago the Democratic candidate

for Governor polled 1,394 more votes

than the Republican, in a total of 43,343.

The heavy tax assessment levied by

the last Democratic Council is what

elected the Republican ticket at Evans-

ville by a big majority. A like cause

will produce a like effect in the State

election. People are paying their in-

creased tax bills now, and "have it in"

for the Democratic party that is respon-

sible for the added burden.

LAST Saturday the New York banks

held \$18,017,950 above the legal require-

ments, and the reports from all money

centers, East and West, indicate that

loanable funds are so abundant that the

supply is in excess of the demand. In

Chicago, money can be had on call at 4

per cent, and a great deal of time mon-

ey is loaned at 5 per cent. Still, there

are those who want cheaper money

—money which will cost them nothing

and which will buy them everything at

the lowest prices.

THE Congressional Record of March

21 contains a speech in favor of free

silver, purporting to have been deliv-

ered by Representative Clover, of Kan-

sas. There are two or three peculiar-

ities about the speech. First, it never

was delivered at all; second, it is pub-

lished as having been delivered March

21, whereas the debate on silver did not

begin till March 22; and, third, the

Record does not show that Mr. Clover

ever even asked leave to print. An

honest Farmers' Alliance Congressman

ought not to be guilty of such trickery

as this.

The Journal will take the liberty of

offering a word of advice to Evansville

Republicans. It is that they will carry

themselves discreetly in victory and re-

member that the large majority they

have gained is a vote of popular con-

fidence which they must not abuse. The

way to retain public confidence is to con-

tinue to deserve it. If they are careful

and show themselves worthy of their

present victory they can make Evans-

ville permanently Republican. If they

betray the trust the people have re-

posed in them they, in turn, will be

turned out of power.

ALTHOUGH Canadians are trying hard

to make us divide our seal fisheries with

them, their government shows no dispo-

sition to treat American interests fairly.

A dispatch from Ottawa, Ontario, says

the government has decided to grant a

rebate of 18 cents per ton on all grain

passing through the Welland and St.

Lawrence canals through to Montreal,

transshipment to be allowed at King-

ston, but not at any American port.

For grain landed at any port west of Montreal, unless for transshipment at Kingston, the full rate of toll, 20 cents per ton, will be exacted. This means a discriminating rate of 20 cents a ton against all freight passing through these canals destined for American ports, which includes a large amount of grain from the northwest destined for New York and other points in the United States. It is humiliating that American commerce should have to pay that kind of tribute to a foreign government. If it cannot be avoided or arranged in any other way our government should construct canals of its own on the American side.

## TAX REFORM VS. TARIFF REFORM.

The Democratic managers in this State are trying very hard to convince the people that they stand in sore need of tariff reform. From the able efforts of the tin-plate liar, two years ago, to the sad wail of the calamity of today, there has been a great deal of hard lying done on this line. The people are told they are taxed from the cradle to the grave, from morn till night, taxed on what they eat, drink and wear, taxed on their thin underclothes and their overclothes, taxed on lumber and nails, on salt and calico, on this, that and the other, and that they are being impoverished by reason of the tariff.

Yet somehow the people do not seem to see it. The results are not commensurate with the amount of lying done. The people know that clothing of all kinds, underwear and overwear, lumber, nails, salt, calico, in fact everything, is cheaper now than ever before, and that they can buy more for a dollar than at any previous time in their lives. Among the 2,300,000 inhabitants of Indiana how many are oppressed by the tariff? Not one. How many feel it, except in its beneficial effects? Not one. How many are complaining of it? Not one, outside of Democratic politicians. The cry for tariff reform comes from the leaders of the Democratic party, and is confined to them.

But there is a reform that is needed in this State, and that is demanded by the people. It is tax reform. Thousands upon thousands of tax-payers who never felt the tariff are to-day feeling the effects of the tax law enacted by the last Legislature. Thousands of families will go without some little luxury this summer on account of it, and thousands of men will find their noses pressed a little harder on the grindstone. These people want tax reform—not tariff reform, but tax reform. It is not the McKinley bill that is hurting them, it is the law passed by a Democratic Legislature which doubled their taxes. This is not a theory, but a condition. The great desideratum in Indiana to-day, the reform that is needed above all others, is Tax Reform.

## BISMARCK'S BIRTHDAY.

Unless the perceptions of the Emperor of Germany are obscured or blinded by his views of the divine right of kings, he must see more than ordinary meaning in the remarkable demonstrations made on the recent birthday of Prince Bismarck. We doubt if there is anything like it in history. Bismarck is now out of office and has none of the glamour of patronage or power to attract attention, yet the birthday of the Emperor himself would scarcely elicit such demonstrations as did that of his dismissed Chancellor. During the day and evening he received not less than 3,500 telegrams of congratulation from persons in all conditions of life, from king to peasant. Numerous committees and delegations called upon him. Presents of all kinds and descriptions poured in from all parts of Germany. Nearly a hundred baskets of flowers came by express. Special trains were run to Friedrichshagen, bringing thousands of persons who insisted on shaking the ex-Chancellor's hand. Fires were lighted on the hill-tops in Brunswick, Saxony and Thuringia. Eight thousand Hamburgers waited till evening and marched before Bismarck's residence, carrying torches and accompanied by brass bands. In short, the whole German people seemed to be of one mind in doing honor to a great man out of office.

These extraordinary demonstrations must have had a double meaning. While they were doubtless sincere in so far as they expressed regard and admiration for Bismarck, it is almost certain that they were quite as much a protest against some of the recent acts and utterances of the Emperor, and some of the legislation he has been trying to force on the people. The German people are loyal to their government and Emperor, but they are more loyal to their own convictions and self-respect. Their ovation to Bismarck was a hint to the Emperor which he would do well to study.

The sweeping Republican victory in Evansville, on Monday, was significant and encouraging. It has been several years since the Republicans had control of the city government there. The Democrats were entrenched in office and power and felt confident of carrying the city by over 1,200 majority and made a clean sweep of the Council. It was a victory for tax reform, a rebuke of Democratic legislation and Democratic methods, and an appeal for justice through the Republican party. We congratulate the Republicans of Evansville on their splendid victory.

The Elwood Leader contains a report of a banquet recently given by a number of citizens of that prospective natural-gas emporium in honor of Col. A. L. Conger. This gentleman has recently returned from California, whither he went to investigate the prospect for obtaining a supply of block tin to be used in the tin-plate factory at Elwood. The result of his investigations was entirely satisfactory, and his friends in Elwood made his return the occasion of a handsome reception and banquet, at which some bright speeches were made about the growing young city.

It is evident from the dispatches that Justice Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court, is in a critical condition, and it is doubtful if he will ever resume

his duties. A man at his age, nearly sixty-seven years, does not readily recover from severe hemorrhages of the lungs, and even if he should measurably recover he would hardly be equal to steady work. Senator Gordon wrote an intimate friend in Georgia a few days ago: "If Lamar can hold on until a Democratic President is elected you may be sure he will. He had hoped to live long enough to see the United States Supreme Court Democratic again." We hardly think this fond hope of the ex-confederate will be realized.

High society abroad is getting some bad backsets. With one of its ornaments going to prison for stealing her dearest friend's jewelry and another for hanging up her baby girl by the thumbs until it died, the "lower classes" will hardly know what to make of it.

The city of London, which sent us "Comrades" last year, is now suffering from a violent attack of the "a-ra-boom-de-a." The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they get there just the same.

THERE is one well-defined exception to the self-made man's popularity, and that is when he is in the Messianic business.

## BUBBLES IN THE AIR.

A Little Loud.  
First Trombone—Seen the leader's new wife?  
Second Trombone—Yep.  
"How is she?"  
"Fair, fat and forte."

None but the Best.  
Salesman—Perhaps your son would like some of these tin soldiers! Most little boys of his age do.  
Mrs. Gaswell—Very well; just pick out a few dozen generals, will you? Never mind the expense.

Its Own Justification.  
Simmons—Writing much verse now, Timmons?  
Timmons—No. I'm at work just at present in procuring an essay in justification of suicide.  
"Why, great Scott, man! That is the very sort of thing you ought to put in verse."

Her Sweet Face.  
The press began its daily work  
With whizz, and hum, and roar,  
When all at once, with sudden jerk,  
It stopped, to run no more.

"Now — — —" quoth the pressman,  
"Full well I wist and ween,  
'Tis the mug of that bloomin' actress  
Has stopped 'er' whole machine."

A Process of Reduction.  
The older man, with work and pains,  
Piles up his greenbacks, bonds and stocks,  
And, musing on his mighty gains,  
Finds satisfaction in his "rocks."  
In course of time he has to die,  
As even the richest must; then  
Does his son the wealth make fly  
Far, wide and near, in shape of dust.

## POLITICAL NOTE AND COMMENT.

THE party can re-elect President Harrison and is ready to renounce him by acclamation.—Topska Capital.

J. S. CLARKSON, chairman of the Republican national committee, is in favor of electing postmasters by the people.

THE Boston Herald seems to think that the silver issue has been laid on the shelf. A mattress should be placed close by for Clevelandism.—Atlanta Constitution (Dem.)

THOSE Democratic papers which hope by postponing the freecoinage issue to elect a Democratic President will find that the other event will be postponed also.—Philadelphia Press.

MASSACHUSETTS has just increased the salary of its Governor from \$5,000 to \$8,000 a year. The new pay will begin just in time for a Republican Governor, who will be elected this year.—Chicago Journal.

EIGHT States have thus far declared for the renomination of President Harrison. The remaining thirty-six are quite likely to follow suit and make it unanimous, so far as Republican preferences are concerned.—Boston Herald (Dem.)

EDWARD DOUGLAS says he knows nothing of the scheme to nominate him for President on a pension-for-ex-slaves platform; and, what's more, he would not take any such nomination. He regards the movement as ill-advised.

THERE are quite a number of persons who are opposed to Senator Hill and his methods, who are not enthusiastic in their advocacy of Mr. Cleveland for the presidency, who look upon him as wanting in judgment and hence replaceable by a more acceptable substitute.—Boston Herald (Dem.)

ACCORDING to Hon. Edward L. Russell, a Democratic statesman of Alabama, now in the North, that State will go to Chicago convention for what there is in it. He says that the Democratic party in Alabama is not in a position to be instructed, and "being the first on the roll, we will be wooed on all sides, and going there without expressed choice, will be left to listen to our own ears."

MR. CLEVELAND ignores the silver question in his Providence speech, but the Providence Journal, a Democratic sheet, remarks significantly: "It is nonsense to say that the silver question has been settled by anything that has yet been done in Congress or out. The pro-silver feeling still exists, in growing rather than decreasing strength, and it cannot be disposed of until something is done to satisfy it."

THE Lexington (Mo.) Intelligencer is not pleased with the attempt of a few Indiana Democrats to shelve Isaac Pusey Gray. Speaking of the Sentinel's order to Gray that he must get out of the way, it grows excited and shrieks thus: "Must! Great heavens! Are free men and Democrats to be ordered about in this manner? Is it that they were able to pull themselves from the current. All were badly cut and bruised from contact with barbed-wire fencing and logs in the stream, but they at once started to retrace their way homeward, where they arrived without further injury."

The dam will be repaired at once, Mr. Rice estimates that he lost 2,000 pounds of fish.

GOTHAM'S CORRUPT POLICE.

Charged with Forcing Dens of Evil to Pay Annually \$7,000,000 in "Hush" Money.

NEW YORK, April 5.—There are at least \$7,000,000 collected annually from the keepers of gambling dens, saloons, concert-halls and houses of ill repute, and distributed among the members of the police department. I say at least \$7,000,000, for calculations show that the amount is probably nearer \$10,000,000.

According to a morning paper, Henry M. Tabor, foreman of the March grand jury, made the above statement in an interview with a reporter, at his home last evening.

"Against what members of the police department do you direct this accusation?" asked the reporter.

"I direct it against the entire force, from the superintendent down to the patrolmen."

## VETERANS TAKE THE TOWN

Patriotic Fort Wayne Ablaze with Colors in Honor of the State G. A. R.

Governor Chase Arrives on the Scene of the Encampment, and with Mrs. Chase, Informally Receives the Soldiers Present.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., April 5.—The city is giving the Grand Army veterans a most enthusiastic welcome. The citizens have covered their buildings with bunting and flags, while in the windows are everywhere displayed pictures of Lincoln, Grant and Sherman. On the arrival of the train from Indianapolis a procession was formed, headed by Anderson Post drum corps, and marched to the Hotel Hement headquarters at the Randall House. In the evening an informal reception was given to Governor and Mrs. Chase at Avenue Hotel. To say that it was a jam would give only a faint idea of the throng of both sexes which honored the State's executive. Later an informal reception was tendered Mrs. Hess, president of the Indiana Woman's Relief Corps, at Morton Hall, which was largely attended. A pleasing incident at the Avenue Hotel was the presentation of a beautiful banner to the band of the Soldiers and Sailors' Orphan Asylum by the Women's Auxiliary of the Union Veterans' Legion of this city, the presentation being made by Mrs. Graham.

A large number of prominent men from all parts of the State are here. The Indianapolis veterans are fully represented. Thus far very little is being said about the filling of the offices. Ex-Congressman Cheadle, W. E. Daily of Peru, and H. C. Caylor of Noblesville are spoken of for commander, but the canvass has not become active. Thus far there is very little talk as to the business of the encampment, the comrades being occupied in greetings and in making inquiries about comrades. The hotels are filled with little knots of veterans, who are recalling the incidents of their twenty-seven years old, but vivid and more glorious as increasing years separate them from the present. The advantages of the city posts will be quite large, but many of the smaller posts will not be fully represented. The patriotic people of Fort Wayne have prepared a detailed programme for the entertainment of their guests. Commander-in-chief Palmer, of New York, will be here in the morning. General Alger comes in a special train to-night, accompanied by ex-Grand Commander Kuntz, of Toledo. At 9 o'clock to-morrow Mayor Zollinger will extend the freedom of the city to the delegates, and at 1 o'clock the grand review of the visiting posts will march before Governor Chase and staff.

The Illinois Encampment.

MONTICELLO, Ill., April 5.—The State encampment of the Department of Illinois, G. A. R., will convene to-morrow at the State-house in Springfield. This will be the twenty-ninth annual encampment of the G. A. R. of veterans there have been twenty-seven posts mustered during the year, with 1,650 new members. There is now a total membership of 31,884 in the department. Captain Harlan, of Marshall, and P. L. McKinnie are the candidates for commander. Harlan is the ranking officer. General Grant's son, the late command, the Twenty-first Illinois Infantry, and it is said, will be elected. The Illinois Woman's Relief Corps will hold its state meeting at the same time. A camp-fire will be held Thursday evening at the State-house, and on Friday evening Governor and Mrs. Flier will give a reception at the executive mansion.

## BRAVE SWIM BY THREE BOYS.

A River Dam Breaks and the Flood Rushes Over Them, Carrying Them Five Miles.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., April 5.—Three strong-limbed boys, near Waveland, in this county, passed through a trying ordeal Sunday that will leave its imprint on their minds the longest day they live. Their names are Hiram Rustin and Harry and Thomas Rice, the latter two being brothers. James M. Rice, father of the last two mentioned, owns three fish-ponds, covering several acres. The deluge of Sunday, when the rain fell in ropes from the clouds, flooded the ponds and threatened their destruction, which would mean the loss of several thousand pounds of choice bass, pickerel and perch. The boys started to cut through the dam to provide an escape, but as they were rising back water that was already flowing over the dam. Suddenly, above the roar of the storm, they heard a crash that would have made older men than they quail. Looking up they beheld the foaming bank of water, perhaps ten feet high, rushing toward them. The river had burst through the waste gates, and its volume of back-water above the dam was reaching out for them. All escape was cut off. The pond was being filled with water from the river. The next instant the flood rolled over them.

But they were strong and all three good swimmers. They rose to the surface and swam toward the shore, carrying along with the speed of a horse on the crest of the wild river. The current was thick with floating debris, logs, trees and branches rushing madly toward them. They battled with the current, perhaps, as no three boys ever did before, keeping near each other and lending one another assistance and encouragement. On their way down the valley, tearing up trees and fences, while the dreadful down-pour that never ceased, and the lightning flashed by overhead, the boys were in a desperate struggle. The flood was enough to frighten stouter hearts into sinking beneath the blood-chilling stream. But the boys were brave and true, and their courage, they were able to pull themselves from the current. All were badly cut and bruised from contact with barbed-wire fencing and logs in the stream, but they at once started to retrace their way homeward, where they arrived without further injury.

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## GOTHAM'S CORRUPT POLICE.

One of the Queer Bills Paid by the County Commissioners—Female Pensioners.

On Feb. 23 Henry T. Hudson presented a bill of \$550.40 to the County Commissioners.

Comptroller of the County, Mr. Stunt, and Commissioners Hunter and Stout both having authorized it, protested against allowing the bill. Mike Farrell approved the bill. Tuesday Hudson presented another bill for \$475 for plumbing at the work-house. Farrell wanted to approve it, but Hunter and Stout absolutely refused. The commissioners were told that the work is about completed; also, that a third bill for plumbing will be presented. Commissioners Hunter and Stout both declare they knew nothing about any contract being awarded and were very much surprised when the bills came. Some time ago Hudson was opposed to Farrell's re-nomination; now he is for him.

It was also claimed that both Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Gregory have been on the payroll as assistant matron of the work-house since Jan. 1, and both Hunter and Stout claim they have been unable to dispose of contracts in the State. It is the first time the table was ever calculated so completely, and it will be a valuable feature of the forthcoming report.

## DEMOCRATIC ROTTENNESS.

New Incorporations.

Articles of incorporation were yesterday filed with the Secretary of State as follows: Grand Association of Knights of Industry of North America, headquarters in Maple Allen county; Vevay Deposit Bank, capital stock, \$50,000; Attica Manufacturing Company, capital stock, \$10,000.

him, but he sent a certificate from a physician that he was not in condition to appear before the grand jury. We believed this to be true. We had presumptive evidence enough to warrant the indictment of many police officers, while this evidence was before the grand jury, we could not rely on it for a trial jury. Witnesses will not give testimony against the keepers of saloons. Many were deterred from doing so before the grand jury by fear of calling down the vengeance of the parties exposed—vengeance in the execution of which the police would afford every opportunity and assure them of protection.

"Do you infer that these witnesses believed themselves in danger of assassination in case they gave evidence before the grand jury?"

"Perhaps I should not say that they feared deliberate assassination, but they certainly did fear bodily harm, and I do not know that the line between the two is very well defined. The police system in this city is such that no one can deny